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Governor Richardson Issues Statement on U.S.-China Commission Annual Report

SANTA FE, NM – New Mexico Governor, and former U.N. Ambassador, Bill Richardson released the following statement concerning the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission’s Annual Report released today.

“I wholeheartedly agree with the recommendations made today by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. China is an emerging world economic power, but it must do better at taking responsible action to meet its World Trade Organization commitments as well as in regional and world affairs. China has made positive movement recently to pressure North Korea to return to the six party talks. However, it needs to do more to convince North Korea to end its bellicose stance, as well as on pressing international issues like Iran’s nuclear program and the fate of the Darfur region of Sudan.”

Governor Richardson has long been involved in international affairs and in U.S./North Korean issues in particular. He has traveled to the isolated nation five times, most recently in October of 2005. He also traveled to Darfur, Sudan in September to win the release of Paul Salopek, a jailed Chicago Tribune reporter.